

APPENDIX E.3

COMMUNICATIONS

Fire Defense Region

- Identify in-region Communications Unit resources
 - Radio systems (fire/law VHF and UHF)
 - Mobile command posts
 - Radio cache
- Identify in-region Communications Unit personnel
 - Fire dispatch personnel available for state mobilization
 - Communications Unit leaders
 - Radio technicians
- Establish training for personnel to ensure their preparation to function in their specified roles.
- Identify radio frequencies utilized within the region, and prepare a plan for their coordinated utilization in support of major operations.
- Prepare an annual summary at the beginning of each year of the in-region Communications Units and resources. Provide this summary to:
 - Regional Fire Resource Coordinator
 - In-region Emergency Management (all counties in region)
 - Washington State Patrol, Fire Protection Bureau
 - Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division

Local Emergency Management

- For in-region incident: Provide communications support to and for the established Communications Unit, coordinated with the Regional Fire Resource Coordinator, for incoming state mobilization resources.
- Be prepared to coordinate amateur radio support with the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) regional coordinator as requested by the Communications Unit.
- Be prepared to provide communications support as requested for resources assigned and deployed to an affected area of operations.
- Ensure that volunteer amateur radio operators are registered as emergency workers.

State Emergency Management

- Be prepared to request federal, state, and other agency communications resources.
- Be prepared to coordinate, pursuant to the State RACES Plan, amateur radio support when requested by the RACES regional coordinator.